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REMEMBERING MRS. BETTY FISCHER

(Mr. VEASEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of longtime Tarrant County Democratic leader, Ms. Betty Fischer.

In 1950, Ms. Fischer and her husband moved to Arlington, Texas, with their three children. Eight years later, she completely dedicated herself to Tarrant County Democratic politics. She served as a party volunteer. She was also the first woman chair of the party in 1982. She helped get one of our former Congressmen, Martin Frost, elected to office back during that time period. She was just a great person.

I can tell you that, in addition to her work for the Tarrant County Democratic Party and all her Democratic efforts, that she and her husband were also involved in the labor movement. She strongly believed that every man and woman in Tarrant County deserved the right to be able to take care of their family and make a decent living for them.

In short, Ms. Betty Fischer did it all. There are very few left like her today. We were blessed to have her in Tarrant County. I am glad that our time on this Earth overlapped with each other, and I just wish her family all the best during this time period as they cope with their recent loss.

ACCESS TO GUNS

(Mr. RICE of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RICE of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, yesterday two terrorists murdered 14 people in a gun-free zone in San Bernardino, California, and my heart certainly goes out to the residents of San Bernardino, all of California, and all of this country.

The President's response today, after revelations that these people had been radicalized and had traveled to the Middle East recently was that he felt they had "mixed motives." His solution to this is to propose restrictions for law-abiding citizens' access to guns.

I have two questions for the American public:

One, do you believe that further restricting law-abiding citizens' access to guns would have solved this tragedy?

Two, do you believe that this is the last time we will see radical Islamic terrorism on our shores?

HONORING PARKER WESTBROOK

(Mr. HILL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of one of

Arkansas' great leaders, my friend, Parker Westbrook, who passed away last month at the age of 89.

Parker and his vast love for historic preservation will be missed in Arkansas and throughout our country. Throughout his life, he was at the forefront of preserving Arkansas' history, earning the nickname, "Arkansas's father of State preservation."

Parker received numerous awards for his work, including the Preservation Honor Award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and was acknowledged as a national treasure.

For over 20 years, Parker and I worked together on the Historic Arkansas Museum, passionately expanding its exceptional museum and collections of Arkansas-made art, furniture, and mechanical arts. I will miss his encyclopedic knowledge of all things Arkansas.

I extend my warmest regards to and prayers for Parker's many friends and loved ones. Parker Westbrook's name will forever be preserved in our State and national history.

HONORING DARRELL ALLEN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2015, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FLORES) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. FLORES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Darrell Allen of Garland, Texas, who passed away on November 10, 2015, as a result of wounds received while he was serving his community.

Darrell Allen was chief of police for the city of Marlin. He selflessly served his community, and he will be greatly missed.

Darrell was born January 17, 1972, in Galveston, Texas. He graduated from Texas City High School and went on to obtain an associate's degree in criminal justice from McLennan Community College in Waco, Texas. In his pursuit to better serve his community, Darrell returned to school and received his bachelor in criminal justice in May of this year.

Since he was a child, Darrell dreamed of becoming a police officer. He began his career in law enforcement in 1994 with the Galveston County Sheriff's Department. Darrell's distinguished career also included service with the Alvin Independent School District, the Hitchcock Police Department, the Danbury Police Department, the Arcola Police Department, the Harris County Precinct 6 Constable's Office, and chief of police at the Lott Police Department.

In 2005, Darrell joined the City of Marlin Police Department, where he proceeded to climb through the department ranks. He was promoted to assistant chief of police in 2006 and elevated to chief of police in 2009.

As Marlin's chief of police, Darrell focused his efforts on building police

community relations and increasing juvenile safety. He consistently drove down the community's crime rate. Today Marlin is one of the safest communities in America. His efforts garnered recognition for the Marlin Police Department from the Texas Police Chief Association's Foundation for Law Enforcement Agency Best Practices Programs.

Darrell worked tirelessly to better our central Texas community. He loved his city, and he left an enduring impression on those he served. This is evident from the scores of residents who gathered together recently in memory of their fallen chief. He will forever be remembered for his devotion to public service, as a father to his children, and as a friend to countless Marlin citizens.

My wife, Gina, and I offer our deepest and heartfelt condolences to the Allen family. We also lift up the family and friends of Darrell Allen in our prayers.

As I close, I ask that all Americans continue to pray for our country, for our military men and women who protect us abroad, and for our first responders who protect us here at home.

Honoring Diana R. Garland

Mr. FLORES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Diana R. Garland of Waco, Texas, who passed away on September 21, 2015.

Diana Garland was a teacher, dean, and a valued leader in the Baylor University community. She led a full life and will be greatly missed in our community.

Diana was born on August 18, 1950, in Oklahoma City. She earned her undergraduate, master's, and doctoral degrees from the University of Louisville. After completing her degree, she went on to serve as professor of Christian family ministry and social work at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

In 1997, Diana and her husband, David, moved to Waco and joined the faculty at Baylor University. One year later, Diana was named the director of the university's Center and Community Ministries. Under her leadership, Baylor University expanded its social work program. Later when the university created the School of Social Work, she was appointed its founding dean.

During the following decade, Diana oversaw the school's rise to national recognition. Under her guidance, the School of Social Work grew to 20 full-time faculty members and 240 graduate and undergraduate students. During her tenure, she helped raise more than \$7 million for research and established an endowment of \$14.5 million.

In 2010, Diana administered the school's move to downtown Waco. This move allowed the school to triple its teaching and lab space. To commemorate her achievements as the school's dean, the Board of Regents recently voted to name the university's School of Social Work in her honor.

In addition to her teaching duties, Diana was the author, coauthor, and editor of 21 books and more than 100